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SANTA

CARD HOLDER

This jolly gentleman will hold just about all of your stack of greeting cards. Change the pattern slightly, and he will always be ready to hold a pencil and note pad for those last minute reminders.

MATERIALS NEEDED: 1½ yards of 7½" wide red felt; scraps of white and green felt; two red, two black and two larger white buttons; a small curtain ring, and white yarn.

Turn edges of one end of long piece of red felt over, as shown. Sew edges together.

Turn right side out.

Sew the flesh-colored circle on the opposite side without turning edges under.

Cut white felt to shape shown, and stitch just above face. Pull white strip up, and catch stitch to red cap.

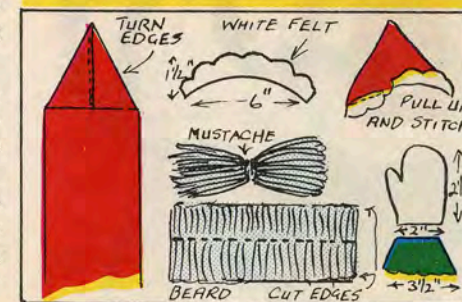
Using a black button on a larger white one, sew each eye to face. Add red round button for nose, a flat red button for mouth.

To make mustache, tie twelve 2" pieces of white yarn at center, and sew center above mouth. To make beard, wind white yarn 80 times around a 3" wide strip of cardboard. Sew along center, then remove cardboard. Sew beard to face, just under mouth, in a concave half circle.

Cut hands from white felt, sleeve cuffs from green. Sew cuffs 4½" from face edge, on angles. Slip each hand under a cuff as you sew.

Trim bottom of long felt strip into a "swallow tail", trim cuffs and cap with sequins, and Santa is ready to act!

To use him as a note pad, use a 15" strip of red felt instead of 1½ yards. Attach a pad under chin. Stitch one side of each hand down, as shown.



Eight Little Santas



CORK LAPEL PIN: Cut cork in two, lengthwise. Fold and pin a bit of red fabric to wide end of cork. Insert thumbtack eyes and nose. Glue white cotton on for hair and beard, etc. Glue a pin to back.

THREAD SPOOL ORNAMENT: Glue a bead to one end of spool. Push narrow ribbon through spool and bead, looping if necessary. Paint spool. Add cotton. Glue a red detergent cap to bead.

PAPER SANTA: Make a red paper cone, 8" high. Cut a "V" in front to simulate legs.

Glue two paper arms on. Glue a light bulb into neck, and add a crepe paper cone for cap. Trim with cotton.

Attach a crepe paper bag to Santa's neck; fill with candies.

BUTTON SANTA: Thread red yarn through two holes in a white button. Knot the ends at back for a hanger.

Glue a triangular red felt cap on, and a bit of felt for mouth.

Add cotton.

POP STICK: Make a hole through a swizzle stick, and push the stick onto a styrofoam or cork ball. Cut two circles of felt. Punch a hole through both of them, and push onto stick, well up to the ball. Add glue to secure.

Twist a 4" piece of red pipe cleaner into a coil. Push one end into the head, and twist the other end tightly so that the pipe cleaner forms cap. Add cotton, sequin eyes (with straight pins) and bits of pipe cleaner for nose and mouth.

CONE SANTA: Several of these Santa heads, tied onto a tree or light, make a wonderful conversation piece.

Make a 7" cone of red construction paper. Glue a light bulb into wide end, neck inside.

Cut white crepe paper into fringes, and curl over a pencil.

Cut beard and whiskers from felt. Use pinking scissors to trim. Add felt eyes, nose and mouth. Tie with a big ribbon bow.

PAPER PLATE SANTA: Staple a larger paper plate to a smaller one, to form body and pants.

Staple a small plate to body, for head. Cut the rim from a large plate and staple to sides of body.

Cut two legs from black construction paper. Glue or staple to back of pants plate.

Paint the plates, leaving ends of arms white.

Make a hat from red crepe paper, and staple on.

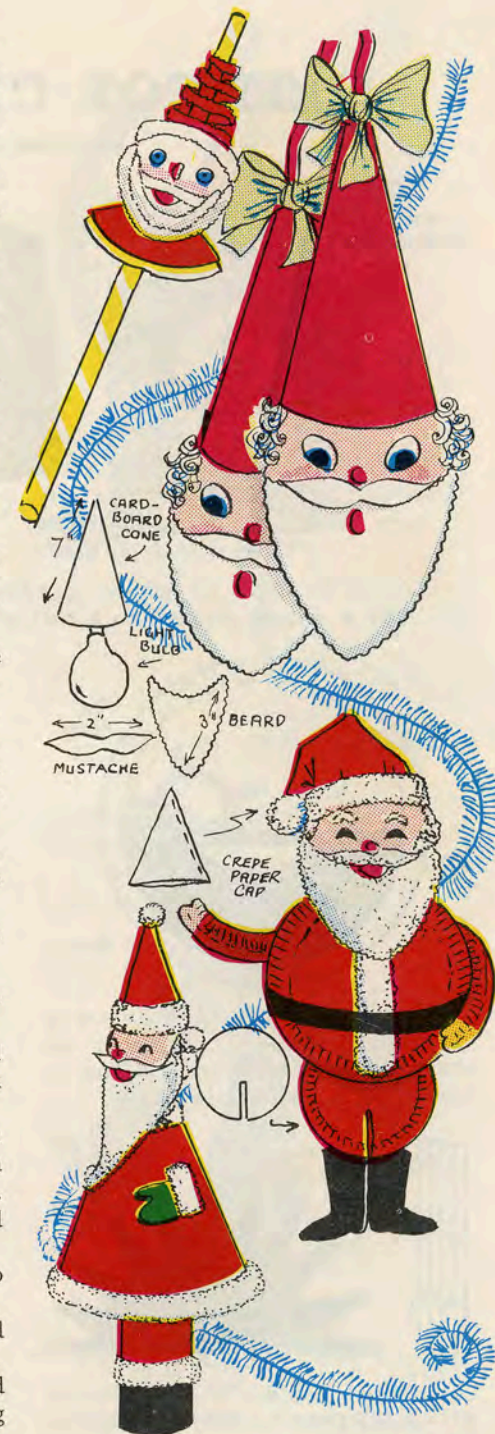
Add cotton, felt or painted features, and a wide black paper belt.

CARDBOARD ROLL SANTA: Make a cone of red construction paper, fairly wide at the bottom. Glue the cone to a red-covered cardboard roll.

Glue a small light bulb into cone, for head.

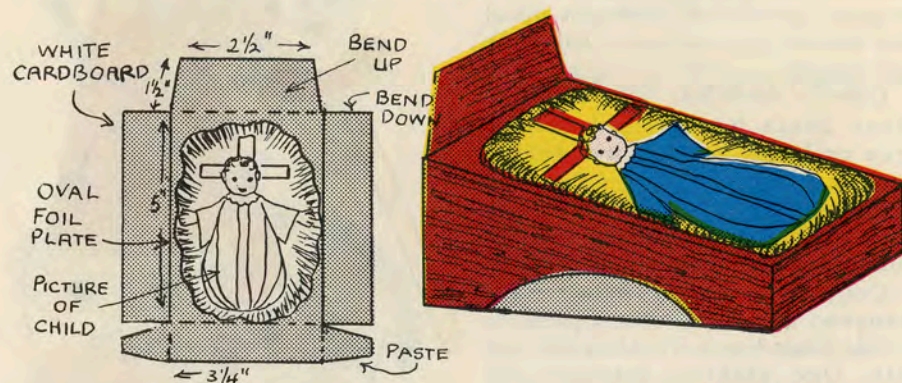
Cut two mitten shapes, and glue them to sides of cone.

Add felt features, cotton, and an ice cream cone or drinking cone for hat.



JUST FOR CHRISTMAS

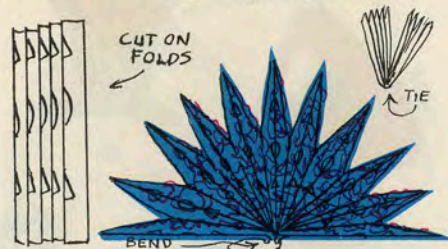
Sister John Marie



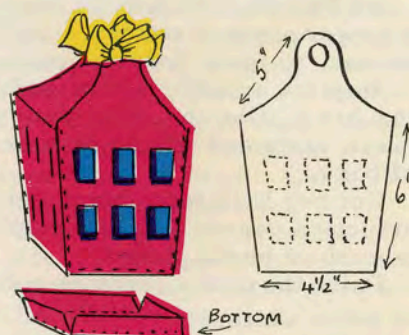
MANGER: Crib is white cardboard, painted. Cut as shown. Child is a cutout pasted to a foil plate. Fringe edges of plate.



PLAQUE: Draw design on a circle of paper, similar to stained glass windows. Glue to center of a paper pie plate.



FAN: Fold a 20" square of gift wrap paper, bend as shown. Make two for a snowflake.



LANTERN: Cut 4 sides from red construction paper. Punch edges, and lace. Glue cellophane back of windows.



CANDY BOOT: Cut from folded red construction paper. Punch and lace. Insert candy sticks.

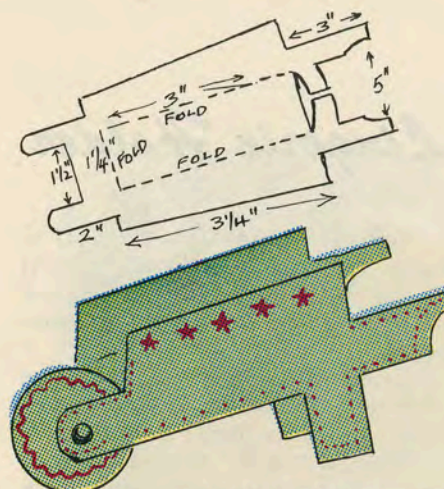
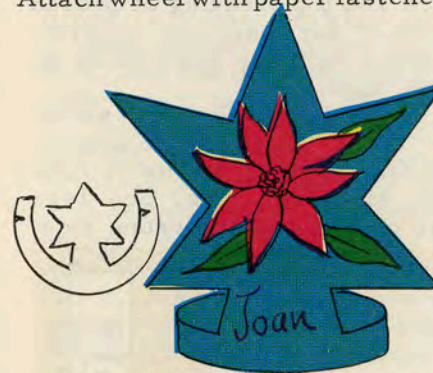
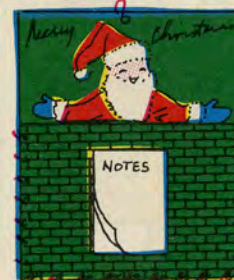


TABLE BARROW: Cut green paper to pattern shown. (two pieces). Glue tabs under barrow. Attach wheel with paper fastener.



FAVOR: Cut colored paper as shown. Slit ends, bend tabs to make it stand. Paste a Christmas flower cutout to star.



CARD NOTE HOLDER: Lace $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet red paper to one sheet. Add Santa cutout and paper pad.



CIRCLED STAR: Cut a 5" dia. colored paper circle, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide. Glue a star onto circle. Hang with thread.



CANDY HOLDER: Fold foil from a greeting card. Fill with candy.



SMALL WREATH: Glue green construction paper leaves around foil plate. Add cutout.



Lingerie Holder

Here is Saint Nick himself to hang on your doorknob! He'll grin a cheery message at Christmas time and delight your family.

MATERIALS: 24" x 18" piece of red flannelette; green rick-rack; 1 jingle bell; 6 buttons - 2 white, 2 black, two red; white yarn; scraps of black and pink material.

COSTUME: Cut flannelette to pattern shown. Seam and hem back and top, leaving back open about 6" for inserting lingerie. Make hem for drawstring at neck edge.

LEGS: Sew two 3" x 1½" strips of black material together, leaving opening to insert filling. Make two legs. Sew legs into costume on the wrong side.

ARMS: For each arm, sew two 1½" x 1½" strips of pink material to two 6" x 1½" strips of red, as shown.

Seam strips together, and sew into costume on the wrong side. Thread ribbon through neck edge.

HEAD AND NECK: Cut front of cap, and back of cap and neck, as shown. Sew front of cap to a pink material pattern.

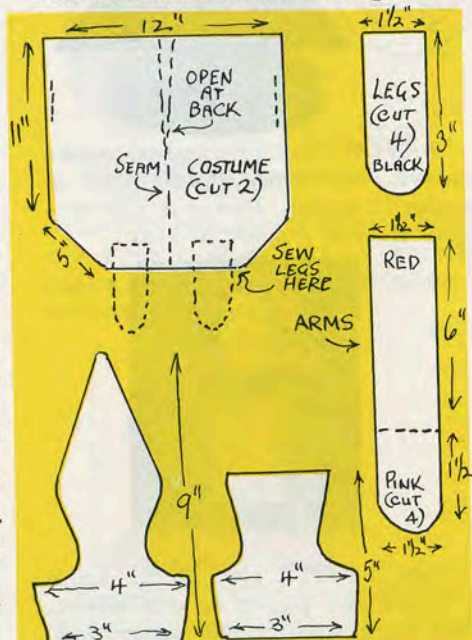
Sew front and back of pieces together, leaving opening at bottom for filling.

Trim cap with rick-rack at front only.

Sew 2" pieces of white yarn around face and for mustache.

Add button features and a bell.

Slip neck into costume and tighten ribbon.



The Greatest Gift

Rex Windsor

The gaunt dog had travelled many miles, and her heavy body ached. Constant beatings and neglect had turned her soft fur into a shaggy mass that had picked up prickles and debris along the way. She was intensely hungry and thirsty, and because the cobblestones hurt her feet, she broke into little runs, now and then.

Towards night she sought shelter, scratching at doors and sniffing in alleys, but always someone would thrust a heavy foot or heave a stone, and she would be back on the run.

A nagging ache, new and frightening, attacked her so that she became weak, hardly able to keep on her feet. Small, pathetic whimpers rose in her throat, stifling all thought of hunger and thirst. A swift kick from a passing peddler caught her unawares and flung her against a rough, wooden door. Lying there, she saw a light from underneath and in a burst of energy, scratched and pawed at the door.

It opened suddenly so that she fell inside. Expecting the inevitable blow, she cringed, momentarily forgetting the tearing pain. Strong but gentle hands touched her head, and the man's words were kindly. She crawled after him, wagging her ragged tail.

There was a smell of warmth and kindness in the place. Over in a dark corner animals raised their heads in curiosity. She lay with them on clean straw and put her head between her paws gratefully.

She greedily drank the goat's milk when it was set before her, then she slept for a little while. There was movement in the room, and a murmur of hushed voices, but she was scarcely aware of it.

As dawn came, five little babies lay with her. Four of them wore patchwork coats of black and white; the other was as white as snow. She licked it with pride and thankfulness, going over its small, round head and back carefully, whimpering with love.

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MAIL SLEIGH

Frances M. Callahan

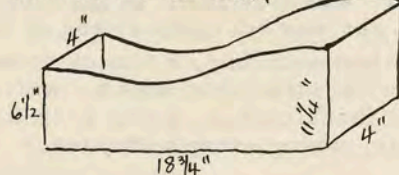
Cut sleigh from a narrow carton, to pattern shown. Cover surface and inside with contact paper or gift wrap. Use white foam canes, with or without spiraled ribbon around them, for runners.

Cut short piece from cane to use in attaching runners to the bottom of sleigh with straight pins. (White pipe cleaners can be used instead of pins.)

Glue white ball edging along rim. Attach ribbons with sequins and short pins, then glue gold dime-store letters on ribbon. Add tiny figures.

If a larger sleigh is desired, make one from a larger carton and telescope ends together by tape, glue or staples.

RUNNERS ARE 23" LONG



BIRD CAGE

Straighten the hooks of eight identical wire coat hangers. Cover each hanger with 3/4" wide strips of crepe paper, or florists' tape (any color). Bind bottom wires together in a tight bundle, securing at either end and center with tape. Wrap to match hangers.

Separate hangers and anchor in position with pipe cleaners placed between two adjacent hangers. Twist ends of pipe cleaners tightly around either hanger at base of hook. The pipe cleaners will form a ring around the center of cage. Wrap these to match hangers.

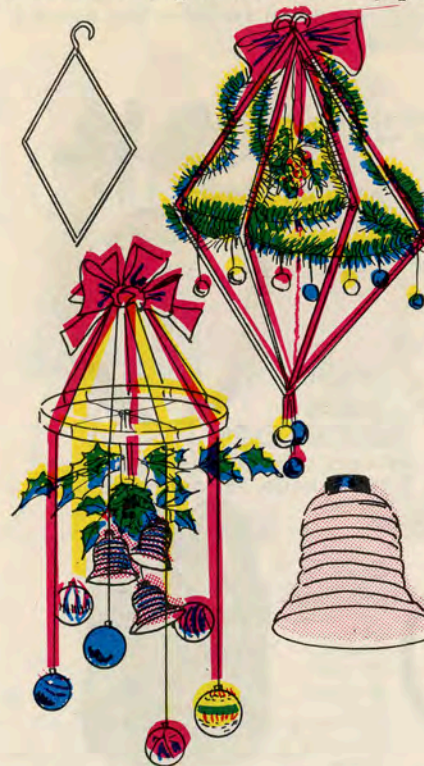
Make eight small paper or ribbon bows, 3" across, and tie at base of hooks.

Attach large ball ornament with bottom bow; tie bow with a narrow ribbon long enough to hang cage.

Remove metal loops and collars from eight medium sized ball ornaments and slip balls over straightened hooks. Add evergreens.

High and Handsome

Baubles and spangles combined with wire, bright foliage and ornaments, glamorize any porch, hall or room in your home.



DIAMOND: Tie two wire coat hangers together. Pull into shape. Wrap with green crepe paper strips. Drape garlands of pine or holly from side to side. Tie small ornaments to sides and bottom.

Hang mistletoe to inside center of diamond. A large ribbon bow will hide hooks.

BELLS: Open a wire coat hanger and straighten it. Form into a circle. Wrap with green crepe paper and tinsel.

Cut the top part from a suitable bleach bottle. Clean thoroughly. Apply a heavy coat of glue, and cover with silver glitter. Make a hole in cap, insert narrow ribbon, and attach to a large ribbon bow. Make three.

Tie six or eight pieces of ribbons of various colors to wide circle, as shown, leaving long ends of uneven length for attaching ornaments.



MISTLETOE BALL: Choose chicken wire that has a wide mesh, fairly easy to bend with pliers. Cut a strip, about twice the length as it is wide. (If it is 36", the width will be about 20").

Fasten ends of narrow edges together. Bend one of the wider edges in, working on it until the mesh is narrowed. Force the sides open until a ball shape is accomplished.

Spray ball with metallic paint or cover with glitter.

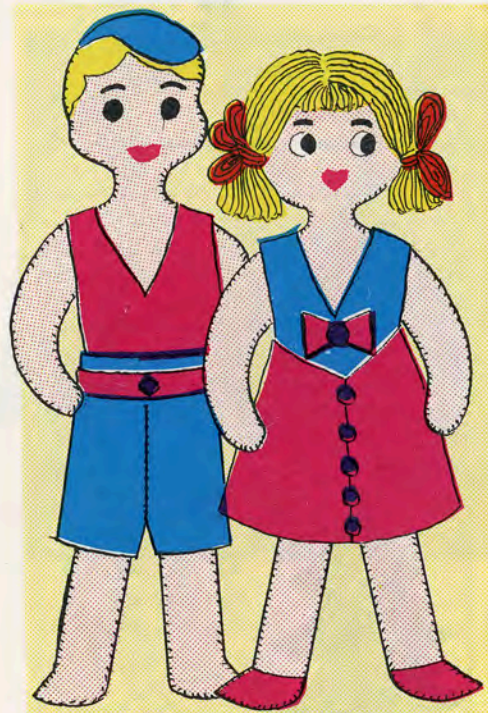
Tie mistletoe inside, and close remaining opening.

Weave wide red ribbon in and out of mesh at top and bottom.

Add bows of ribbon and little figures.

Beautiful Plastic Bleach Bottles

You can almost decorate a whole room with one or two bleach containers and a few Christmas trims from last year. The plastic cuts easily, can be punched, slashed, pierced (with a hot needle or ice pick), glued, painted or trimmed.



Kit and Kate

Ethel M. Kinsey

These dear little quickie dolls are made of felt stuffed with cotton. Both are made from the pattern shown in grey.

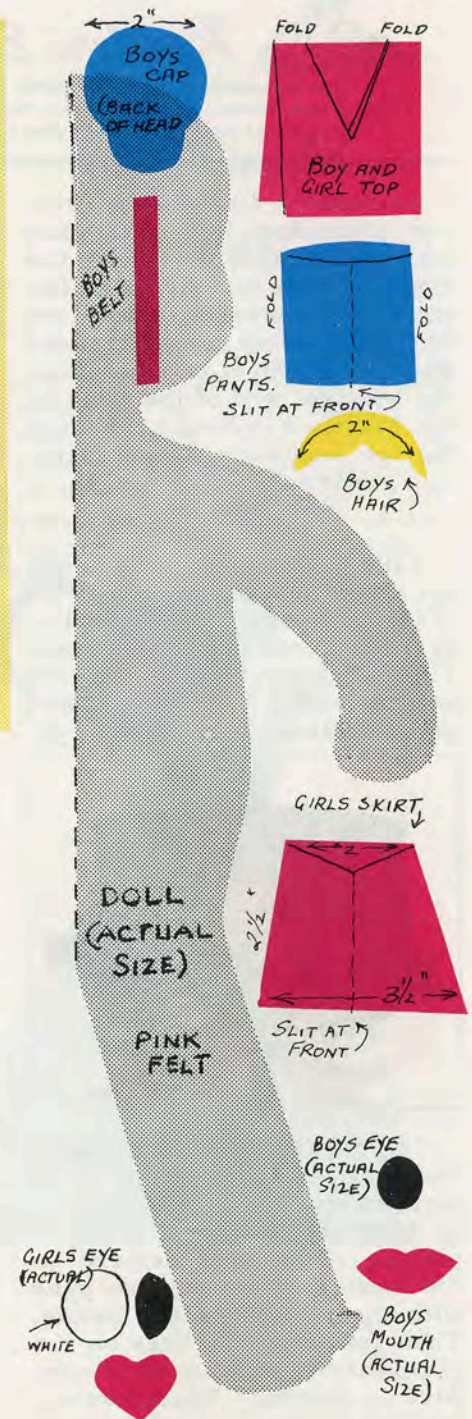
The dotted lines indicate a fold. To make one doll, cut two folded patterns.

Whipstitch edges together, stuffing firmly before closing seams. The arms will curve towards the body as you sew.

If you prefer not to embroider features, press adhesive material on before sewing the doll. To attach yarn hair to Kate's head, sew on from center back and over the front. Trim front to make bangs.

Kit's hair is cut from felt and sewn on.

Make clothes from patterns shown.





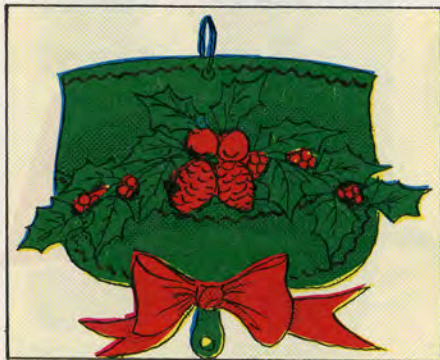
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To make a Christmas Tree, use aluminum foil bake pans cut into strips $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut diagonal slits along edges. The strips will curvenicely and look like limbs. Use dowel or round stick for trunk of tree and tape the straight end of the limb to the dowel. It is best to begin at the top and work down. (Mrs. C. I. Johnson, Tina, Mo.)

Take a little red dustpan and put a nail hole in the center so it can be hung. Fill with holly, or evergreens and pine cones. Tie a big perky bow on the handle. (Mrs. F. B. Hammargren, Hillsboro, N. Dak.)



To do a free hand drawing of Santa Claus, Christmas tree, turkey, etc., on a window pane, paste a magazine or newspaper picture of the one desired on the outside of the window pane with the picture facing inside. Then trace the likeness on the glass with water color or crayon. (Mrs. Martha Fredrickson, Moline, Ill.)

Make an attractive Christmas tree from two pieces of cardboard cut 5" to 6" tall and the same in width. Make a slit in one from the bottom to the middle and the other from the top to the middle. Slip them together and paint and decorate. (Andrea Marone, Springfield, Penna.)



Our Cub scouts made interesting birds from pine cones and pheasant feathers. Use the short feathers and glue two on each side of a pine cone for wings and four on the pointed end of the cone. For the head, cut red construction paper with fold at top and glue to flat end of cone. Add piece of fine wire around middle to hang. (Mrs. Louis Pahl, Independence, Ia.)



Plywood Angel

Here is a sweet little lady, about $10\frac{1}{2}$ " high, who can stand serenely on your mantle or table during the Christmas season. Because she is made of plywood, she can be used for years and be re-painted or decorated as often as you wish.

Following the sketches on this page, draw the different parts of the angel on thin paper first. Trace onto $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood by carbon paper method.

Carefully cut out all parts with a jigsaw or fretsaw.

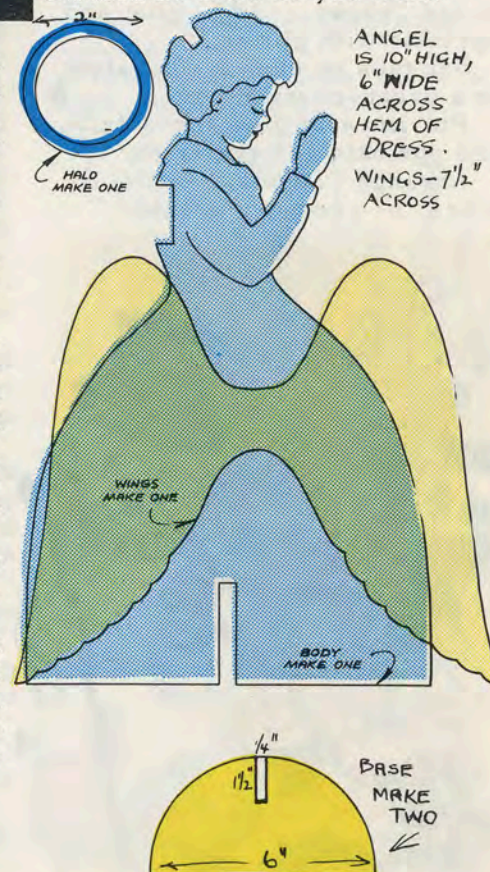
Drill holes in the waste portion to start the saw blade for all internal cuts.

Sand all sharp edges carefully. Glue and nail the parts together. The base segment is half-lapped into body. This can be glued or simply a press fit.

When angel is assembled, enamel white and decorate to suit your taste.

Glitter or sequins, glued to the halo or parts of the dress, add an extra sparkle.

Surround the figure with Christmas greenery or colored balls. Set matching candles on each side of the centerpiece to make the glitter and sequins sparkle.



Christmas Centerpieces

SANTA'S BOOT: Cut two sides of boot to pattern shown (any size) from cardboard. Cover back and front of each boot with red crepe paper, velvet or flannelette. Cut several tabs and bend. Glue ends to inside edges of two boot shapes.

Anchor boot to a gaily-covered box with cellophane strips. Glue cotton around top.

Fill with greenery.

STEEPLE: Cut church and steeple from shirt cardboard. Cover both sides with white crepe paper. Add glue and sprinkle with glitter.

Set tabs in church into slots in a green-covered box.

Put lines of glue for details and sprinkle red glitter on.

Arrange angels, little fir trees, or greenery around.



CANDLES: Make three holes in a flat box, large enough to insert parts of towel roll or mailing tubes. Glue at opening.

Wind ribbon or paper around tubes adding a snip of red at tops. Cover box top with matching paper. Fringe a strip for sides, and tie on with ribbon.

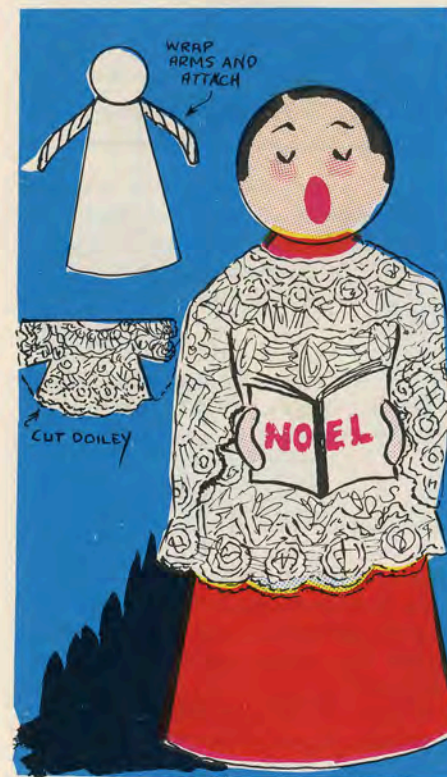
Arrange pine cones, greenery, etc. around candle.

SNOWMAN: Make a large cotton ball, and wind with white crepe paper, forming a neck.

Glue neck into a tall jar.

Cover jar and ball with white cotton.

Glue on bead or button features. Make pipe and hat as shown. Add scrap or fabric for scarf.



REINDEER: Make a cone about 6" high, and one about 12" high. Staple the small cone to the other where indicated.

Spray cones with gold or silver paint.

Sew Christmas string bead eyes on, adding curly crepe paper eyebrows.

Make two ears from cardboard, adding tabs. Make a slot in each side of smaller cone, and insert tabs.

Glue a Christmas ball into cone, for nose.

Hang circles of tinsel or tiny beads onto ears and around neck.

Dab glue around lower edge, tips of ears, and edge of head. Sprinkle glitter over.

Paint a delicate branch white, adding silver glitter. Set branch into top of head.

Place snowman on a mirror or glass over foil. Arrange cotton balls and greenery around him.

CHOIR BOY: Make a red cardboard cone about 7" high, fairly wide at the bottom. Cut a large white paper doily as illustrated, making a hole in center to slip over head.

Paint a light bulb to resemble a boy's head. Slip the bulb into the cone.

Wrap wire or a paper fire lighter with red crepe paper until thick. Attach wire to top of cone, under bulb.

Place doily onto figure, glueing or stapling under arms.

Make a small book and attach to hands.

Several choir boys make a wonderful mantle decoration.





TIMELY TIPS by Handy Anns

To preserve autumn leaves, holly and evergreens, for winter or HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, put a tablespoon of olive oil with an equal amount of water. Stand the stems in the mixture. When the stems have absorbed it, the leaves will be beautifully firm and pliable and easy to arrange. Also, the leaves keep their color for weeks without withering and drying up.

Cement a small household magnet to the top of your DUSTMOP handle. With this you can pick up needles, pins, tacks and other small pieces of metal... even in the most inaccessible corners, without bending. Just invert the mop and run the magnet over the object.

Save the rubber part of a medicine dropper. Slipped over the end of a lead pencil, it makes a very good, and long lasting, ERASER.

Keep a spray-top bottle of turpentine handy to help remove GREASE OR PAINT FROM HANDS. Remember, however, to store the bottle out of the children's reach.

If you will soak BACON in cold water for a few minutes before frying, you will find it curls and shrinks less.

To more significantly express THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS, bake a birthday cake and decorate it as you would for a festive birthday occasion, complete with a beautiful candle. On Christmas Eve with the family gathered around bring out the cake and have a birthday celebration. Some member of the family might read the story of the birth of Jesus from the Bible. Even the very young understand whose birthday they are celebrating.

Freshen up your BLANKETS by giving them a 10 to 15 minute spin in your electric dryer. They'll come out sunshine-fresh.

Try this the next time you are packing for a trip. Pull old, clean bobby socks or mens socks over your shoes. The socks will keep the SHOES looking neat, and the clothes you've packed won't be soiled by your shoes.

Use any "pet" stuffing recipe and form into small balls. Fry quickly in deep fat. Drain on brown paper; serve hot. I use toothpicks for simple serving. These STUFFING BALLS are very tasty and popular at our house served with cold sliced turkey or chicken.

An old cookie or cake tin will make a wonderful PERSONALIZED LUNCH TIN, and it will also keep your childrens sandwiches fresh for hours. Paint the outside of the tin a dark color. After the paint dries, letter your child's name and grade on the box in white paint. You might want to paint a decorative border around the edge too. A handmade "special" to put under the tree.

Sew elastic thread around the necklines of your family's SWEATERS AND T-SHIRTS. It will keep the necks of such clothing from stretching out of shape.



Teddy In A Nightcap

How cuddly and plump this little fellow is! He could be a merry companion for a child of any age. Brown or beige socks, two buttons, red felt and some white, soft trimming are all you will need to make him.

BODY AND LEGS: Turn a size 9 sock inside out. Cut and sew as shown. Leave an opening at crotch to insert stuffing. Turn right side out, and fill with shredded nylon hose, Kapok, or foam rubber.

ARMS AND FEET: Cut arms from other sock. Seam, stuff and sew to body, tucking raw edges in as you work. Stitch feet into position. Tie off at wrist, loosely.

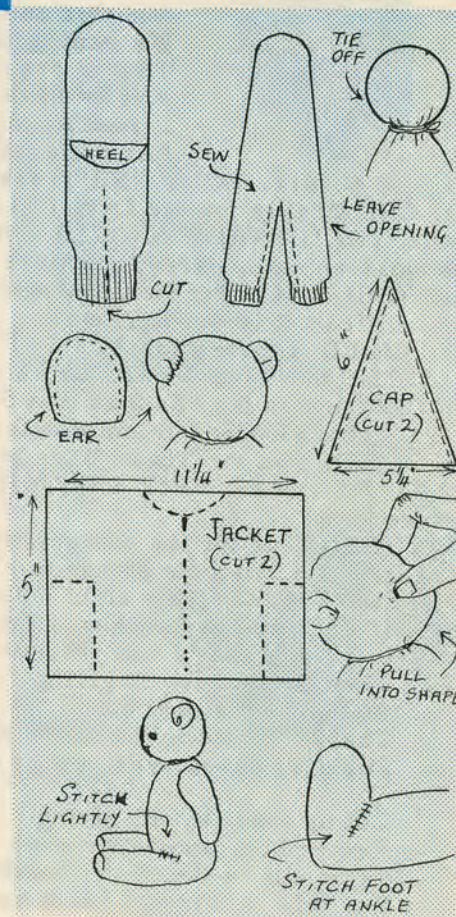
EARS, FEATURES: Cut and sew ears. Stitch onto sides of head, about 4" apart.

Pull the front part of head into shape with fingers, to form round cheeks. Sew a red felt triangle on for nose, and embroider a smiling mouth.

Sew two shank-back, white or brown buttons on for eyes. Keep them wide apart. A touch of black or brown paint on a white button will form the iris of an eye.

COSTUME: Cut jacket and cap to pattern shown. Seam each garment, then turn right side out.

Finish with white yarn, fur, or cotton trim.





Louise Wardwell

(Scenery. At back of stage use sheeting or curtain with cut-out figures of the nativity setting, wise men and angels. Un-decorated pine trees can be used at the sides of the stage. A nativity tableau with children taking part can be used instead of backdrop.) Characters can be twelve children holding letters or puppets with letters. Music is provided by a chorus or by recorded music.

NARRATOR: We all love a birthday
We know that you do, too;
And this one is so special
We want to share it with you.
This is Jesus' birthday
And we have learned to spell.
Listen to our lesson,
For a message it will tell.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT: (1st child enters carrying letter
1st. CHILD: C is for the Christ Child, born on Christmas Day.
HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING: (3 verses) (2nd, 3rd, and
4th children enter carrying letters -H-R-I)
2nd. CHILD: H is for Herald Angels in the night.
3rd. CHILD: R is our Redeemer.
4th. CHILD: I means Israel.
OLITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM: (5th child enters with letter S.)
5th CHILD: S is for His Star that Shone so bright.
WE THREE KINGS: (6th child enters with letter T)
6th CHILD: T is for Three Wise Men, they have traveled far.
AWAY IN A MANGER: (3 verses) (7th, and 8th child enters with
letters M-A)
7th CHILD: M is for the Manger where He lay.
8th CHILD: A is all He stands for.
THE FIRST NOEL: (9th child enters with letter S)
9th CHILD: S means Shepherds came
And that's why we have Christmas Day.

ALL: Then we find Joy in giving.
God gave His only Son.
That all who would receive him.
Might be saved, yes, every one.

Let us then, in our giving,
Remember, and as we pray
"Thy will be done", to thank Him,
For this is Christ's birth day.

Christ's words let us remember,
To Him all Glory be,
" As ye have done to one of these,
Ye have done it unto Me."
10th CHILD: (Holding up letter and saying its name)
We give our all to Jesus,
Give thought to Him above,
And open wide our hearts that He
Might fill them with His Love.

11th CHILD: (Holding up his letter and saying its name)
We give to others,
As Christ taught us to do,
Love family, friends and neighbors,
And even strangers, too.

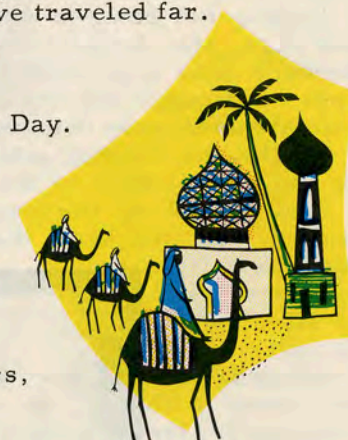
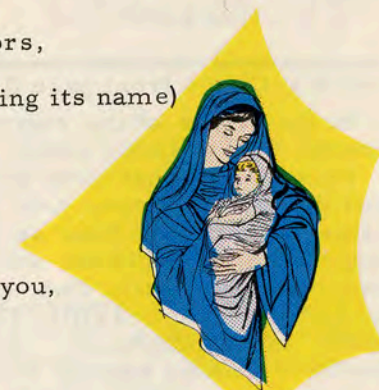
12th CHILD: (Holding up letter and saying its name)
Makes Joy completed,
And you can plainly see,
By giving with a loving heart,
Yourself will blessed be.

ALL CHILD:
We've spelled Christmas Joy to you,
We'll spell it once again
Now keep it ever in your heart,
Till Christmas comes again.

ALL CHILD:
C is for the Christ Child, Born on Christmas Day.
H is for Herald Angels in the night.
R is our Redeemer.
I means Israel.
S is for His Star that shone so bright.
T is for Three Wise Men, they have traveled far.
M is for the Manger where He lay
A is all He stands for.
S means Shepherds came;
And that's why we have Christmas Day.

10th CHILD: (Naming letter as before)
We give our all to Jesus,
Give thought to Him above,
And open wide our hearts that He,
Might fill them with His Love.
11th CHILD: (Naming letter as before)
We give to others,
As Christ taught us to do,
Love family, friends and neighbors,
And even strangers too.

12th CHILD: (Naming letter as before)
Makes Joy completed,
And you can plainly see,
By giving with a loving heart,
Yourself will blessed be.



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ALL CHILD:

We have given you our message.
We hope you've liked our play.
Goodnight and may God bless you,
Have a Happy Christmas Day.
JOY TO THE WORLD is played softly as children leave the stage.

CURTAIN

STORY-Cont'd from page 11-

In the center of the room, a creche held a small child.

He too, had just been born, and the Mother's eyes held the same pride in Her Baby as the dog's did. Shepherds came, adoring the Little One, and Kings with wondrous gifts, They knelt in supplication, their brilliant crowns shining in the soft light.

The dog arose, her brown eyes bright. She disengaged herself from the small seeking noses, and lifting the one white puppy, went forward.

Putting her paws on the creche edge, she thrust the puppy forward. The man tensed, his eyes anxious, but the small animal was already in the straw.

Gently the Mother picked it up and gave it back to the dog.

She turned to the man and smiled, for she knew the dog had offered the "greatest gift" of all - part of herself.

Safely back in the straw with her puppies, the Mother dog rested happily, with peace in her heart.



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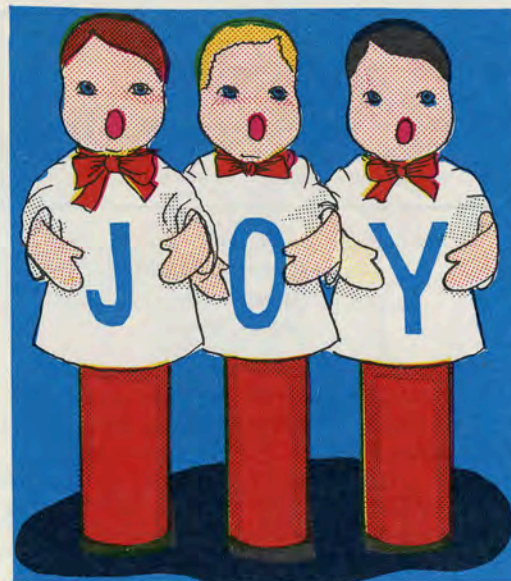
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Choir Boys

MATERIALS NEEDED: One 13" x 3" diameter mailing tube; 12" wide piece of red crepe paper; one 24" x 2½" strip of pink felt; scraps of brown, white, beige and red felt; 11" x 14" piece of white sheeting or other material; bow of red ribbon.

Cover ¾" of the roll with red crepe paper, glueing at back.

Cut arms from pink felt, as shown. Whipstitch two pieces of each arm together. Do not stuff. Attach to uncovered end of roll with paper clips.

Cut surplice to pattern. Hem sleeve and bottom edges.

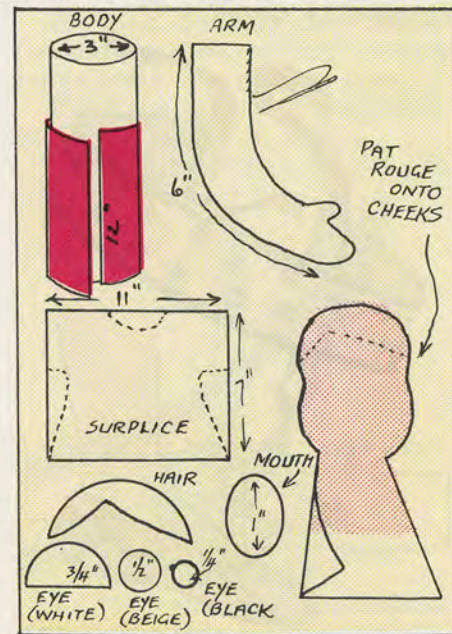
Bind neck opening with white bias tape.

Slip surplice over roll, and add ribbon bow.

HEAD: Draw head and shoulders on shirt cardboard. Glue pink felt to head and neck, leaving 3½" of the cardboard uncovered. Trim felt to cardboard shape.

Glue brown felt on, for head. Add white oval eyes, beige and brown iris, and oval red mouth.

Slip the neck into the opening in top of roll, bending cardboard so that it will fit snugly.



Twelve of these choir boys can be used for a skit, buffet arrangement or window display.



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BANDAGE GIFTS

Ida Chittum
Findlay, Illinois

Elastic bandage (used or new) is inexpensive, and easy for young people to work with.

For belt fold in raw edge and stitch to make hem in each end of a 16" piece.

Colored beads or buttons may be used for fastening, or for decorations.

Insert 12" lengths of ribbon for ties.

Pull on slipper is made from a 12" piece of bandage and is stitched as shown.



Can be worn inside tennis or canvas shoes in place of socks. Trim or decorate as desired.

SLEIGH ORNAMENT

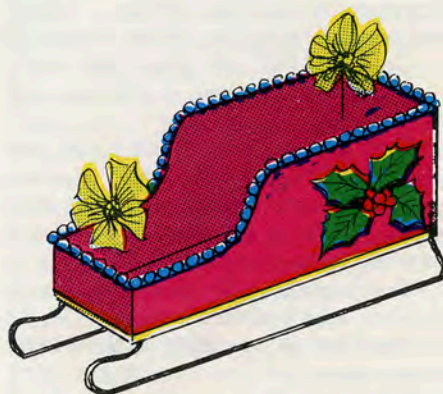
Martha Fredrickson
Moline, Illinois

From a shoebox cut a sleigh. Cover inside and out with foil. Bend two lightweight wire coat hangers to form runners.

Bend hooks at right angles to runners and fasten with wire pushed through bottom of box.

Paint or gild runners.

Trim edges of sleigh with bright cellophane tape.



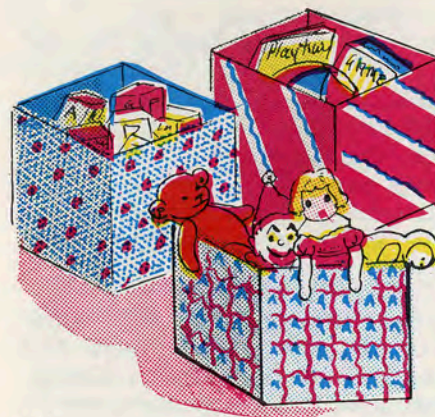
String Christmas beads on light wire and fasten with a few wire loops to top edge of sleigh. Decorate with foil bows.

Use sleigh as server for candy or nuts.

TOY BINS

Mrs. Ralph Macreadle
Cincinnati, Ohio

Use several boxes about 12" square and cover with gift wrap paper for children, inside and



out.

Use a different design on each box. Each holds a set of toys, such as play beads, building logs, or blocks.

This system keeps toys neat and always handy when wanted.

Smaller size boxes for a younger child could hold rattles, toys, etc.

CHRISTMAS SOCK

Frieda Le May
Strong City, Kansas

From scraps of flannel, cut two pieces to pattern as shown.

Dip in melted paraffin and shape.



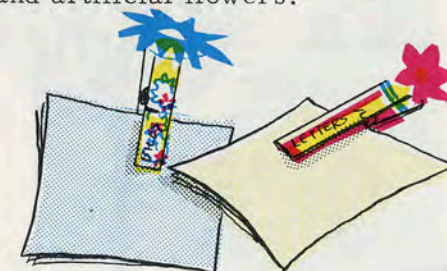
Use for candy favors, nut cups on packages or Christmas stockings, depending on the size desired.

GLAMOUROUS CLIPS

Dena Duncan
Bellevue, Michigan

Take a plain wood clamp clothespin. Dip in paint.

When dry, use household cement to attach sequins, beads and artificial flowers.



Label clips with "Letters" or "Bills" using paint or nail polish.

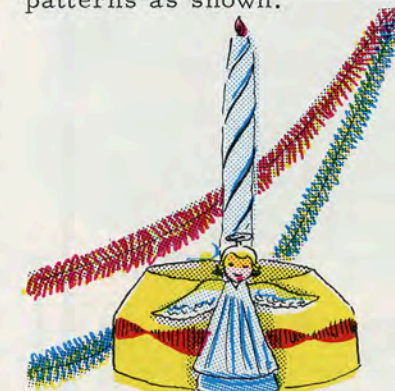
CANDLE HOLDERS

Mrs. Donald Livingston
Midland, Michigan

For the base of the holder use the pressed wood ends from large rolls of wrapping paper.

Paint the wood with two coats of paint in desired color.

Glue rick-rack around in patterns as shown.



To decorate, add small package decorations, such as angels, Santas or poinsettias.

Glue to front of base.

Place candle in center hole.



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ing, reading, collecting post-
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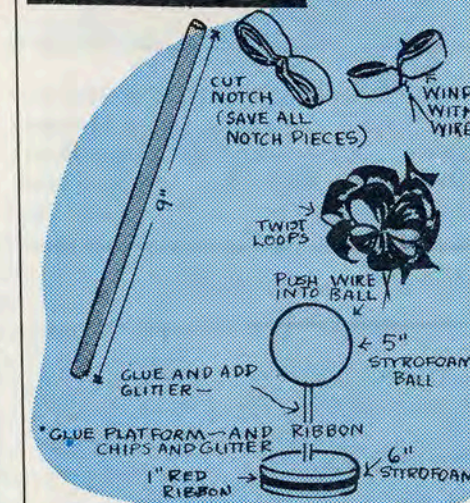
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